past due to incompetence and inefficiency on the part of Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer;.

(c) the amount of loss sustained and persons killed thereby during the period> and

(d) what action, if any, has been or is being taken against the defaul ters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The details of train partings on Allaha- bad Division, months-wise, are as per statement attached, *(See* below)

•(b) No Sir. The apparent increase in the incidence from February 1986 onwards is mainly on account of changed statistical procedure and increased throughout.

(c) The direct loss due to these train partings was negligible and no person was killed as a result. thereof during the period 1984 to 1996.

(d)Does not arise.

Statement

Details of train partings on Allahabad Division during the period 1984 *to* 1986 *month-wise is tabulated as under :*

Month	1984	1985	1986
January	21	15	16
February	14	8	34
March	15	8	20
April	9	9	31
May	8	9	29
June	11	7	31
July	13	12	37
August	5	16	42
September	7	14	24
October	11	12	31
November.	13	19	35
December	13	17	24
TOTAL :	140	146	354

Redressal of Public grievances by Railways

112. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SID-DIQI: Will the Minister of RAIL-WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per directive issued by the Prime Minister to sort out public grievances expeditiously, Senior Additional Divisional Railway Managers have been appointed to function as Director (Public' Grievances) on Indian Railways; *(b)* whether no extra staff has bees provided to Additional Divisional Railway Managers for the purpose

(c) *whether* a new device for completely eliminating public com plaints has ben introduced by certain Zonal Railways by way of removing printed complaints books from counters at important -stations -like Ahmedabad; Agra, Kanpur and Ambala etc.; and

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give rewards to the Area Managers at the above stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Public Grievance Redressal. Machinery on the Divisions is functioning under the charge of Additional Divisional Railway Managers.

(b) No additional posts have been created for redressal of public grievances and the work is being attended to within the existing manpower available.

(c) No, Sir, Printed complaint books are available at stations.

'(d) Does not arise.

Dismissal/suspension of Class III Railway Employees

113. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDIDIQI; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Class III em ployees suspended, reverted, removedjdissmissed and compulsorily re tired under review scheme by the Senior Divisional Commercial Su perintendent. Northern Railway, Allahabad, during the period Janu ary, 1886 to February, 1987; monthwise, separately.

(to) whether other departmental heads on Allahabad Division itself, are not following the same pattern;

(c) whether appeals of aggrieved railway employees are being delibe- - rately delayed by Senior Divisional Commercial Superintendent; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure the speedy justice to the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Information is being , collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Electronic Exchange at Karim Nagar, Andhra Pradesh

, 114. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to (introduce electronic exchange or crossbar exchange at Karim Nagar, Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so. the probable date by which it will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE N THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. There is proposal for a 2, 000 lines Indian Cross-bar type exchange, project estimate has been sanctioned.

(b) There is no land avilable at present. It will take about 5 years for exchange to start functioning after the land becomes available.

Specialist Status in the N. D. M. C. Health Cadre

115. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that. Medi-cal Officer of Health and Medical Supdt. of NDMC Huspital, Moti Bath,New Delhi belong to a special